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**Countywide Strategy to Fund Permanent Housing, Rental Assistance and Services**

The Los Angeles County (County) Chief Executive Office's (CEO) Homeless Initiative conducted an inclusive and comprehensive planning process that generated 47 coordinated strategies adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on February 9, 2016. One of the Phase 1 strategies being implemented includes working with Public Housing Authorities across the County so that there is a commitment to set aside permanent rental subsidies for the chronically homeless.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority estimates that \$450M a year (not counting construction costs) is required to make serious strides to address homelessness across the County. Over the past year, the Board has allocated \$100M in one-time funds for implementation. However, over 100 community-based organizations that participated in crafting the recommendations strongly advocated that the Board needed to secure additional, ongoing, annual funds to implement the strategies in the years to come.

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The passage of Proposition HHH in November 2016, which the Board has endorsed, would allow the City of Los Angeles (City) to leverage resources and finance about 8,000-10,000 units of permanent supportive housing over the next 10 years. Furthermore, the State of California's No Place Like Home bond would also leverage resources and finance about 1,500-5,700 permanent supportive housing units over four funding cycles across all 88 cities and unincorporated areas of the County. Finally, in addition to other local, state and federal grant solicitations, the County's Community Development Commission (CDC) also provides capital development funds for construction of permanent housing set aside for special needs and homeless populations.

As a strong partner in the regional strategy to address homelessness, the Board remains committed to securing annual, ongoing revenue to fund the essential support services that would complement these permanent supportive housing units and rental subsidies. While the Board has set aside one-time resources, an ongoing revenue measure is critical if the County is to fully honor any long-term commitments to address the regional homeless crisis.

Should additional revenue be generated, a standard Memorandum of Understanding would enable stakeholders involved in the capital development, rental subsidies and provision of supportive services to leverage and coordinate resources for permanent supportive housing and services.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** direct the Director of the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, in consultation with the

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Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Chief Executive Officer, and County Counsel, to report back in writing in 45 days, as part of the implementation of the Homeless Strategy Initiative, on the framework for a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would facilitate a coordinated Countywide strategy on construction of permanent housing, allocation of rent subsidies and provision of supportive services. The parties to the MOU should, at minimum, include:

- 1) The Health Agency and other Countywide entities that provide supportive services, intensive case management and linkage to health services, including physical health, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment to chronically homeless and other homeless populations;
- 2) The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles and the other Public Housing Authorities that operate throughout the County which provide rental assistance (operating subsidy) for permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless and other homeless populations; and
- 3) The Housing and Community Investment Department of the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, and the Department of Mental Health, as well as other appropriate entities that finance the capital development of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless and other homeless populations.

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